

Graduates :

1	G.P.	14	5	B.T.	Nil
2	S.C.	2	6	S.C.	5
3	B.Com.,	8	7	S.T.	1
4	B.C.	4			
Total					353

**First Report of the Committee on Government Assurances
Presentation**

SRI G. K. SUBBAIAH (Virajpet).—I, the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances, having been authorised by the Committee to present the report on their behalf, present the First Report.

MR. SPEAKER.—The Report is presented.

**CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC
IMPORTANCE**

(i) re : reported decision of on construction of a dam on Tatti Nala near Sagar in Khanapur Taluk.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI (Belgaum).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Minor Irrigation to the reported decision of the Government to construct a dam on Tatti Nala near Sagare and Doddebail Villages in Khanapur Taluka.

SRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA (Minister for Minor Irrigation).—I Wish to make the following statement :

The subject pertains to Sattinalla irrigation Project Khanapur Taluk. The presumption in the notice that Government have taken a decision to construct a useless and unwanted dam near Sagare and Doddebail villages in Khanapur Taluk is not correct. The Sattinalla Irrigation Project has been investigated for irrigating about 5000/- acres. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 196 lakhs as per S.R. of 1977-78. The extent of submersion at F.R.L. is about 950 acres. The details of villages coming under submersion are shown below.—

1.	Jungawad	...	...	12	Acres.
2.	Doddebail	...	...	165	"
3.	Sagari	...	...	266	"
4.	Kasbahalsi	...	...	170	"
5.	Gundpi	...	...	280	"
6.	Hattad	...	...	57	"
Total				950	Acres

At MWL, three villages sites viz. Doddebail. Majrewadi and Gundpi would be affected.

Proposal to include this project in the Minor Irrigation Project to be posed for World Bank Assistance is under examination.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI.—I would submit that this matter was raised on the Floor of the Assembly during the period from 1967-70 i.e., through L. A. questions and through written representations from the public from that area and the Government was of the opinion to drop this proposal, and accordingly, they did not take action; But, quite surprisingly, now the Government has taken this decision. I call it as unwarranted and unnecessary proposal and secondly: this Government have very recently taken a decision dropping the irrigation project which is called as Mahadevi Project and it has to be converted into a Hydro-Electric Project. In view of the fact that this project is feasible and it would be more profitable, all the irrigation works on the tributaries of Mahadevi River, Milaprabha river and Bhandora River have to be dropped. The Order No PWD 4 PIP 77. Bangalore dated the 14th November 1978 was issued by the Public Works and Electricity Department of the State Government. The Hydro-Electric Project would be more profitable and useful to the people of that area and also to the people of other areas. By taking up this project, most fertile and most valuable paddy growing lands would be submerged under water and the people of that area will be put to heavy loss, and even the Rice Mills which have been established on the basis of the paddy grown in that area will have to be closed. That is why the people of that area appeal to the Government to drop this proposal. I am also add that by submerging some fertile land Government is aiming to irrigate unproductive and barrenlands which do not belongs to that taluka at the cost of the available lands in our taluka. Therefore, the people of that area have submitted a petition requesting the Government to drop this proposal. The people of that area have strongly opposed this proposal.

MR. SPEAKER.—The hon. member is making a speech. He can only seek one or two clarifications.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI.—Sir, I want to elicit some more information from the Hon. Minister. That is why I have brought this matter through a Call Attention Motion. On 7th March 1979 the people of that area have submitted a petition and on 20th March 1979 a big procession was taken to present a memorandum to the Government urging upon them to drop this proposals. Even though, this Government has not paid attention and they have not acceded to the request made by the people of that area. Therefore, I have my

own doubt that Government is aiming to submerge some of the Marathi villages and they wanted to give all the benefits to Kannada speaking areas.

MR. SPEAKER.—I cannot permit a speech. Let the member restrict to the main issue.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI.—I am trying to putforth the grievances of the public. Sir, this Government is unnecessarily trying to submerge some of the Marathi speaking areas thereby they are doing great injustice to the Marathi people. They want to make a claim over all the Marathi areas inspite of the strong opposition. If satisfactory decision is not taken to drop the proposal we will protest against the decision of the Government.

SRI D. B. CHANDREGOWDA.—Sir, at the outset. I would like to submit to the House that this project is still under consideration. The apprehension of the hon. member about the decision taken by the Government is not correct. Because the decision to take up this project is still under consideration of the Government and I do not know about the earlier decision which the hon. member has referred to. It is also not correct to say that the earlier proposal was dropped by the Government and further considered to drop this project once and for all especially with reference to Mahadevi river and other rivers. These rivers are under the *Inter-State* Dispute. We have made clear that the rivers which comes within the purview of the *inter-State* dispute will not be taken up for irrigation on projects. So, we proposed to take some Hydro Projects wherever it is feasible. So far as public representations and submitting the memorandum and all that I am aware of it. As submitted by the hon. Member I think some valuable fertile paddy growing lands and rice mill is being submerged under this project. Sir, it is inevitable in any project some land has to be submerged if we want to store water. This is the first ingredient when we take up irrigation projects. So, we have taken care to see that all these aspects are considered and appointed technical personnel to submit a report about these things.

And then, about, unnecessary harassment to the Marathi speaking people, it is very unfortunate to say that Government has taken up these projects against their will and wish, I must say that we are not taking any political decisions so far as irrigation projects are concerned. They are taken up only on economic proposition. I request the hon. Member not to have this inhibition in his mind. So far as this project is concerned as I have already told you it is still under investigation of the Government. We will keep in mind all the information given by the Hon. Member before taking a decision in this behalf.